

NOTICE: Rule Changes Effective December 1, 2016

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 4, 6 and 82, and Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 4, 41 and 45 are amended effective December 1, 2016. All attorneys and pro se litigants are expected to familiarize themselves with the new rules.

It is particularly important to note that Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(d) is amended to remove service by electronic means under Rule 5(b)(2)(E) from the modes of service that allow three added days to act after being served. The parallel provision in Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 45(c) is amended to remove service by electronic means under Civil Rule 5(b)(2)(E) from the modes of service that allow three added days to act after being served. Consequently, **Local Rule 5.1(c) is amended effective December 1, 2016, to eliminate the practice allowing an additional three days to act after service by electronic means.** Filing must be completed by midnight (Central Time) to be timely filed that day, unless a specific time is set by the Court.

Amended Local Rule 5.1(c):

Electronic Filing

All parties must file documents by electronic means that comply with procedures established by the Court unless specifically exempted for good cause shown. Filing a document electronically does not alter the filing deadline for that document. Filing must be completed before midnight (Central Time) to be considered timely filed that day, unless a specific time is set by the Court.